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Applicant(s): LI et al.) Group Art Unit: 1635
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 Examiner: Tracy Ann Vivlemore
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 For: COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR *IN VIVO* AND *IN VITRO* ATTENUATION OF
 GENE EXPRESSION USING DOUBLE STRANDED RNA

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
 Mail Stop Amendment
 P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 20, 2006, thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from July 20, 2006 to October 20, 2006. **NOTE: As Applicant has already paid for a two-month extension of time in the previously filed Amendment and Response (filed September 20, 2006), the remaining fee is for one additional month of extension, i.e., \$510 minus \$225 already paid = \$285 due at this time.**

Please charge the amount of \$285 to cover the required extension fee, and charge any additional fees or credit any over-payment to Deposit Account No. 13-4895.

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